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Administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to the General Assembly (A/68/303) contains the overall administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund for the biennium 2014-2015 that have financial implications for the budget of the United Nations. In accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the present report identifies the financial implications for the regular budget should the Assembly adopt the recommendations submitted to it in the report of the Board.

The appropriation that would be required under the regular budget for the biennium 2014-2015, arising from the recommendations of the Board, reflects a reduction in the amount of $561,400 after recosting.

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I. Introduction

1. In the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015, provisions are made under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, for the participation of the United Nations in the costs of the secretariat of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

2. In paragraph 1.52 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/68/6 (Sect. 1)), it is indicated that, at the time of the preparation of the programme budget proposals, the Fund's budget for the biennium 2014-2015 had not yet been finalized and that, when finalized, it would still be subject to review by the Pension Board and the General Assembly, and that implications for the regular budget, if any, of the action to be taken by the Pension Board and the decision by the Assembly in connection with the budget proposals of the Fund for the biennium 2014-2015 would be the subject of a statement of programme budget implications that would be submitted to the Assembly during its consideration of the report of the Pension Board.

3. In paragraph 1.49 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015, it is indicated that the estimated requirements of $13,299,500 ($13,932,000 at 2014-2015 rates) relate to the share of the regular budget in the expenses of the central secretariat of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, excluding reimbursements anticipated from United Nations funds and programmes (United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)).

II. Implications for the United Nations of the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

4. According to the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (A/68/303), the overall resources amounting to $21,324,700 (at 2014-2015 rates) represent the United Nations share in the administrative and audit costs related to the Fund.

5. In accordance with established procedures, this overall amount would be shared among the regular budget of the United Nations and the funds and programmes. As reflected in paragraph 1.49 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015, the distribution would require that an estimated 64.0 per cent of that amount be attributable to the regular budget, with the balance to be reimbursed by the funds and programmes. However, on the basis of the latest data on the number of participants in the Fund, against which the percentage is derived, the above-mentioned percentage share of the regular budget would need to be revised to 62.7 per cent.

6. In applying the revised distribution rate of 62.7 per cent to the proposed overall requirements of $21,324,700, an amount of $13,370,600 (at 2014-2015 rates) would represent the revised regular budget share as compared to the provision of $13,932,000 (at 2014-2015 rates) already included under section 1 of the proposed programme budget. A reduction in the amount of $561,400, representing the difference between the budgeted amount of the regular budget share and the revised amount, would accordingly need to be reflected under section 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.

7. This reduction reflects mainly the decrease in the share of the regular budget from 64 per cent to 62.7 per cent based on the number of participants in the Fund and, to a smaller extent, the overall reduction in those administrative costs that are cost-shared with the United Nations.

III. Action required of the General Assembly

8. **Should the General Assembly approve the proposals and recommendations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, the overall requirements for the biennium 2014-2015 that would arise for the United Nations are estimated at $21,324,700 (at 2014-2015 rates). Of these requirements, the share of the regular budget would amount to $13,370,500 and the balance of $7,954,100 would be reimbursed to the United Nations by UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF.**

9. **Accordingly, should the General Assembly endorse the proposals of the Board, the appropriation under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 would reflect a reduction in the amount of $561,400.**